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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED – 3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Iriam N. Cardenas, in amount of \$4,751
Raul Ramirez, in amount of \$25,186.09
Gevork Gevorkian, in amount of \$7,965.36

JUSTIFICATION:

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

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PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK J. SALADINO
Treasurer and Tax Collector

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

APPROVED
LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

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DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 54A
DATE: April 3, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$21,152.00	Account Number	254 34 94
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Cardenas, Iriam N.
Balance Due	21,152.00	Service Date	07/28/01 to 08/01/01
Compromise Amount Offered	4,751.00	Facility	MLK Drew Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$16,401.00	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Ms. Cardenas was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at Martin Luther King Drew Medical Center at a cost of \$21,152.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	747.00	747.00	4.98%
County of Los Angeles	21,152.00	4,751.00	31.68%
Net to Client	N/A	3,502.00	23.34%
Total	\$27,899.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Ms. Cardenas is unemployed and lives in Birmingham, Alabama. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 54B
DATE: April 3, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$79,682.00	Account Number	10625832
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Ramirez, Raul
Balance Due	79,682.00	Service Date	06/29/01 to 01/20/02
Compromise Amount Offered	25,186.09	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$54,495.91	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Ramirez was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$79,682.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$100,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.00	33.32%
Attorney Cost	672.00	672.00	0.68%
Pacific Medical Group	6,598.49	2,520.00	2.52%
Advanced Professional Imaging	1,760.00	672.70	0.68%
Progressive Diagnostic Imaging	72.25	72.25	0.08%
St. Francis Medical Center	15,629.00	5,964.00	5.97%
St. Francis Pathology	331.00	331.00	0.34%
St. Francis Radiology	377.00	377.00	0.37%
Emergency Physicians	305.00	305.00	0.30%
County of Los Angeles	79,682.00	25,186.09	25.19%
Net to Client	N/A	30,566.63	30.55%
Total	\$138,760.07	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Ramirez supports himself with a marginal income. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

DATA FOR COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 54C
DATE: April 3, 2003

Amount of Aid	\$37,016.00	Account Number	10589353
Amount Paid	.00	Name	Gevorkian, Gevork
Balance Due	37,016.00	Service Date	06/27/01 to 07/06/01
Compromise Amount Offered	7,965.36	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$29,050.64	Service Type	Inpatient

JUSTIFICATION

Mr. Gevorkian was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$37,016.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$75,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 30,000.00	\$30,000.00	40.00%
Attorney Cost	1,563.93	1,563.93	2.09%
Cedars Sinai Medical Center	60,878.85	11,265.00	15.02%
Consultants for Pathology	912.75	500.00	0.66%
Tower, I.D.	640.00	300.00	0.40%
Robert J. McKenna, Jr., M.D.	3,900.00	1,500.00	2.00%
General Anesthesia Specialist	2,736.00	1,000.00	1.33%
Gabriel Rubanenko, M.D.	1,321.00	900.00	1.20%
Tower Magnetic Imaging	125.00	125.00	0.17%
Ila Kaminsky, D.C., RPT	3,087.00	2,000.00	2.66%
Los Angeles City Fire Department	632.50	432.50	0.58%
Ralph Perez, M.D.	2,500.00	1,500.00	2.00%
County of Los Angeles	37,016.00	7,965.36	10.62%
Net to Client	N/A	15,948.21	21.27%
Total	\$145,313.03	\$75,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that Mr. Gevorkian is unemployed and lives with relatives who provide food and clothing. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.